

Special Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 24, 2008

4:08 p.m.

Third Floor, City Hall

Present: Chair: CW Hamilton

Vice-Chair: CM Downard

Members: CW Woolridge, CM Blackwell, CM Benson,

CM Tandy, CM Kramer, CM Fleming, CM Heiner, CM Unseld
& CW Green

Also Present: CM Peden & President King

Chairwoman Hamilton began the meeting by announcing the members and non-members of the committee present. A Quorum was established.

THIS IS A SPECIAL MEETING - HELD IN THE THIRD FLOOR CAUCUS ROOM OF CITY HALL

Special Items For Discussion

1- BUDGET SHORTFALL DISCUSSION

Discussion - The committee held a small discussion and decided to continue it at the next regular committee meeting to be held on December 3rd. The following was mentioned within the discussion:

- Louisville Metro Police Department
 - Take home cars/fee
 - Fluctuating fuel costs and the impact
 - Retirement system
 - Insurance

Pending Legislation

2- O-224-11-08 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR THE LOUISVILLE DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2009.

Status: In-Committee

Committee: Budget

Primary Sponsor: Cheri Bryant Hamilton

This item was **HELD IN COMMITTEE.**

3- R-199-11-08 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S 2009 BUDGET.

Status: In-Committee

Committee: Budget

Primary Sponsor: Madonna Flood

CW Woolridge made a motion to approve and CM Fleming seconded the motion.

Discussion - Jefferson County Sheriff, Col. John Aubrey, discussed the 2009 Budget inclusions & other concerns including:

- Employee contribution increase on the hazardous and non-hazardous duty CERS positions
- Insurance increase between 9.25% to 13%
- Allowances for projections
- Additional personnel
 - Based on earned revenue
 - Court
 - Taskforces
- Tax Collection process
 - Under review
 - Proposed legislation for the Kentucky General Assembly for January 2009
- Economic cutbacks
 - Take home cars
 - Fuel consumption
- Additional responsibilities due to the other departmental cutbacks
 - Including various extra detail events

By unanimous voice vote, the item was approved and sent to the **CONSENT CALENDAR**.

4- [R-200-11-08 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY CLERK'S 2009 BUDGET.](#)

Status: In-Committee
Committee: Budget
Primary Sponsor: Robin Engel

CM Tandy made a motion to approve and CW Woolridge seconded the motion.

Discussion - Bobbi Holsclaw, Jefferson County Clerk, highlighted the projected budget for 2009. The following discussion occurred:

- Staff/position eliminations
- Huge Primary & General Elections for 2008
- Legal documenting and duplicating services
- No funds requested for new capital initiatives
- Froze all discretionary spending
- Revenues holding steady/utilizing a portion of the surplus

By unanimous voice vote, the item was approved and sent to the **CONSENT CALENDAR**.

5- [R-202-11-08 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S AMENDED 2008 BUDGET.](#)

Status: In-Committee
Committee: Budget
Primary Sponsor: Madonna Flood

CM Tandy made a motion to approve and CW Woolridge seconded the motion.

Discussion - Jefferson County Sheriff, Col. John Aubrey, stated the department has seen an increase in revenue, which was helpful towards fuel costs, repair of equipment, etc. Retirement costs were included within this resolution as part of the amended Budget.

By unanimous voice vote, the item was approved and sent to the **CONSENT CALENDAR**.

6- [O-223-11-08 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING YEAR-END OPERATING BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN VARIOUS AGENCIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008, TO PROVIDE CARRY FORWARD FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 METRO OPERATIONS, TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 112, SERIES 2008, AND TO PROVIDE VARIOUS TRANSFERS AS DETAILED HEREIN.](#)

Status: In-Committee

Committee: Budget

Primary Sponsor: Cheri Bryant Hamilton

CW Woolridge made a motion to approve and CM Tandy seconded the motion.

Discussion – Jane Driskell, Chief Financial Officer, and Daniel Frockt, Budget Director, gave an overview of items covered from the previous committee meeting. Then the committee discussed the budget transfers of the ordinance, which were:

- Public Works & Assets
- Second Mortgage Program
- Completed capital projects
- System Development Charge
- Earned Capital Reserve Interest
- Mass Transit Trust Fund
- Metro Corrections/General Operations
- Department of Neighborhoods/General Operations
- Housing & Family Services Department
- Public Health & Wellness Department
- Zoo Capital Surplus
- Information Technology Data Processing Equipment Fund
- Public Protection Department
- Human Relations Commission
- Self Insured Indemnity Plan/Health Insurance Fund

CM Downard made a motion to amend the ordinance to remove Section 15; CM Blackwell seconded the motion.

Some discussion continued on the amendment. By unanimous vote, the amendment was approved.

Having no further discussion, by unanimous vote, the item was approved **AS AMENDED** and sent to **OLD BUSINESS**.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Stuart Benson. Without Objection the meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

***NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the December 11, 2008 Council Meeting.**

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